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Hello Mrs Manley.

a few lines to let you hear from me, this leaves me well and happy, also the rest of the fellows, the last I heard. Hope it will find you and all there the same. He played Willie Wells team Sunday and he was telling me you said to write you, of course I had intention of doing so anyway, but had just kept putting it off. But now with United States at War, I think its time everyone got in touch with their friends because you never know when you may have the chance again. The sad news reached us here Sunday afternoon in the middle of the second ball game, and I must admit it really shocked me, in fact I was no more good. It is still hard for me to set myself right about, it is hard to believe the U. S. is in war, but I guess it will gradually dawn on me. (smile)

Well Mrs Manley, the part you want to hear is about base ball, but what can I say that Willie hasn't already said, but never the less I will try to make things as interesting as possible

We have two more ²games, or rather two more Sundays in this first half, and at the present time Aguadilla and Ponce are leading, with Guayama running a close second, in fact Guayama has a better chance because they play all the weak teams, but I imagine it will be a close race. Our team isn't going so well this year, we had a good start, but our native pitcher got a sore arm, and it seems everyone gave up, but we are hanging on. Ponce hitting pretty good up until a week ago, but Ponce is kind of a slump now. Down here if you don't hit in both games on Sunday you're in a slump, (smile) Now I am batting .375, and as you know that is a good average there, but isn't considered so hot here. My knee has been holding up very good, I wear a brace while playing and it hasn't bothered me any as yet, and I can still move around enough to play short stop, I know that sounds funny to you, me playing short stop, but I am, and not doing so bad either, at least I don't think so. And enough about myself. As you know they really have all the name ball players here this year, and the competition is pretty keen, but us underates are holding our own. As usual Josh is the talk of the island, along with Hells



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and Bill Stright. Day is the leading pitcher. I don't know how many he won + lost right now, but I know he was leading before Sunday's game and he beat us Sunday 3-0, he beat Billy Byrd. Ray Brown has won his first three games since arriving here. In fact all the ball players here are going good, because if they weren't these people would get some one else in his place, and so much for base ball, I hope it was interesting enough (smile).

The news just reached us about Germany + Italy ~~deat~~ declaring war on U.S. and it really changes things here, because now we are in danger here, as long as it was only on the Pacific Ocean it didn't matter so much, but now it's different. As you know this is a very small island, and it wouldn't take much to sink the whole island, and too this is too close to South America. We haven't decided yet as to what we are going to do, but I think all of us will be coming home soon. The league here is having a

meeting tonight to ^{x-}decide what to do about
continuing playing here. As for myself I am
undecided as to what I want to do, I guess
if the people here want ~~me~~ to stay I guess I
will providing they give me a plane ticket
home because I don't relish the idea of
being on that water for 4 days.

And now I guess I have ran out
of words, so I guess there is nothing to do
but bring this to a close for this time. But
before I do please tell me if you answer
what you think about the war's effect on base
hall, I can imagine there won't be any night
base hall, and that would be an awful blow.
Oh! well maybe it will all be over by then (smile)
Still Mrs Manly this is the close, so give all
my very best regards.

Yours Sincerely
Lennie